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At Los Angeles, California:

Will submit FD-128 to change the OO to Miami.

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At Miami, Florida:

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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RE: GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, JR.
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS - CUBA

MM T-1 who has been engaged in Cuban revolution-
ary activities during the past twelve years and who has
been closely associated with GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, JR.
for the past nine years, from 1961 to the present time,
has furnished the following information concerning
HEMMING: (X)(u)

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In May, 1961, "Major" GEORGE TANNER formed an
anti-Communist brigade in Miami, Florida. This group
of about 40 men consisted of mercenaries and adventurers.
HEMMING later took over the group, operated a military
training camp in the Florida everglades, and changed the
name of the organization to Intercontinental Penetration
Forces (INTERPEN). (X)(u)

At that time, HEMMING claimed to have been
previously involved in training of Cuban paratroopers
in Nicaragua and Cuba for FIDEL CASTRO RUZ, Prime Minister
of Cuba. HEMMING also claimed that he had previously
worked for the Cuban Revolutionary Air Force in Cuba. (X)(u)

(u)(X) In June, 1961, HEMMING's group of 40 men
dwindled down to 40 recruits and HEMMING continued to get
considerable press publicity. Many photographs appeared
in the Miami press of his recruits wearing uniforms,
carrying weapons, and living in jungle training camps.
During this time, the several Sheriff's Departments in
South Florida received numerous complaints concerning
this group and their military training activities.

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On July 2, 1961, HEMMING with about five mercenaries and Cuban exiles dressed in military uniforms, put on an air drop parachuting show for the press at the airport at Davie, Florida. HEMMING and his men were interviewed and he received considerable press publicity in South Florida for being a person who was recruiting men to fight Communism in Latin America. (X)(u)

Also in July, 1961, HEMMING was contacting different Cuban exile groups in Miami offering them training camp facilities, and seeking their contributions in dollar donations and weapons.

15. On August 24, 1961, HEMMING claimed he went to Cuba and contacted representatives of the Cuban underground. ANTONIO PEREZ QUESADA, Cuban exile boat captain, on interview admitted he took HEMMING and six others to Cuba on August 12, 1961 where they stayed about 42 hours. However, neither HEMMING nor his men made any contact with the Cuban underground or militia. (X)(u)

On March 30, 1962, as a result of press publicity, HEMMING decided to disswaid other mercenaries and adventurers from coming to Miami to join his organization. HEMMING therefore sent out hundreds of form letters to persons who previously made inquiry concerning joining INTERPEN. (X)(u)

In March, 1962, most of the leading Cuban exile organizations had disavowed any cooperation with HEMMING. Most of the groups felt HEMMING was making a living at the expense of the revolution and had no real intention of taking his group to Cuba to fight against Communism.

In May, 1962, most of HEMMING's mercenaries considered HEMMING completely unreliable in that he had taken no positive action and appeared to be more interested

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